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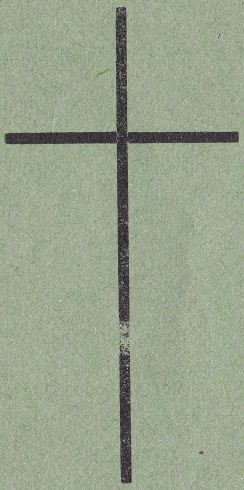

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JUNE HOLIDAYS

Morning Service will be held at St. Stephen's on June 20th & 27th. Friends from Littleborough are warmly invited to attend these services.

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JUNE/JULY 1971

Price 2p

Dear Friends,

What happened in Westminster Chapel, London on Tuesday May 11th 1971 was a glowing recognition that the God, whom our fathers praised and worshipped is still our God, and through His most gracious purpose, will be the God of our children.

The true tone of the Assembly of our Church, was set, when someone from the floor anticipated the mood and called the Chaplain to lead everyone in prayer. It was deeply moving. Emotional -but not the false, contrived emotion sometimes leveled at large Christian groups. It was entirely natural. It was the feeling of the presence of God in everyone's heart.

The decision to unite two historical churches is no small task. The Congregational Church in England and Wales and the Presbyterian Church of England have great historical traditions. Apart, they still have much to offer the world. Together, they may set a lead which is vital in this country, and show a willingness and openmindedness to grow together.

The debate was chaired fairly and competently by Mrs. Gwen Hall, the wife of the moderator of the London Province (Women's Lib. please note!) As many voices were heard against the proposals as for them. People listened patiently, but opponents of the scheme brought forward no compelling arguments to make their case valid. The vote, when it came, was overwhelmingly in favour of the union and its commendation to the churches.

The votes were given simultaneously in Newcastle (at the Presbyterian Assembly) and in London. No vote influenced the other.

In London - 2121 votes were cast:
1888 in favour 233 against
(over 89% in favour)

In Newcastle - 549 votes were cast:
434 voted in favour 115 against.
(over 79% in favour)

The three quarters majority was reached and the scheme goes to its second and third stages - to the County Unions and Synods, and to the local churches.

Now it is up to us. We must do the hard work of thinking and deciding.... before the 16th December 1971.

Yours sincerely,

Glyn Jenkins

A Personal Note

Mrs. Jenkins and I are deeply grateful for all the messages of sympathy, spoken and written which we have received on the sudden passing of my father, the Revd. R.L. Jenkins of Thornton. We thank you all for your prayers and thoughts. May we also thank you on behalf of my mother for the flowers that were sent to the funeral on behalf of Milnrow and Littleborough Churches, and for all the tributes of your love.

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HOLY BAPTISM

John Paul Wood, of 28 Beechfield Road, Milnrow baptised by our minister on May 2nd 1971.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The following Junior Church Members were received into the church at Littleborough on 23rd May 1971: Elizabeth Leach, Martin Law and Esther Bennett.

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OMITTED FROM DIARY (Both churches please note!)

Monday June 14th at 7.30 p.m.
Joint Deacons Meeting at Littleborough.

EVERY PERSON CANVAS - SOME POINTS ARISING

1. Thank you to all those who visited and to those who received the visitors.
2. The task of going through the completed census forms may take the minister some time, but you can be sure that your remarks will be given much consideration.
3. Pledges should have started from Whit Sunday or as soon as possible afterwards.
4. People joining the Free Will Offering Scheme should start their pledges from the week in which they receive their envelopes.
5. Receipts will be issued half yearly in May and November.
6. Once you have placed the current week's envelope in the offering, your financial obligation for that week is finished; there is no need to contribute a second time if you come to church twice in one day.
7. The Finance Committee will shortly be announcing the total sum promised for the next twelve months.
8. Mrs. N. Settle, 17 St. James Street will give you another promise form if at any time you wish to raise or lower your pledge.
9. To those who feel that this whole exercise has been in some way wrong, please be patient with us because our new fangled methods at least deserve a fair trial.
10. To those who feel that some church members have a built in grudge against modern technique, please be patient because there is far more to the christian church than the pursuit of efficiency.

The whole enterprise of the EPC was concerned with trying to keep BODY & SOUL together. A church that spends too much time in trying to solve its financial problems is in danger of becoming a worrying and worthless, introverted institution and little else. On the other hand we cannot ignore the fact that the books do not balance. The EPC was at least an attempt to solve our financial problems in an unobsessed and outward looking way.

May we remind you.....

WHIST DRIVES are held
every MONDAY EVENING at 7.30 p.m.
Price 10p

.....Everyone welcome!

UKRANIAN EVENING

Mr. Michael Musyka was the guest at this event organised by the Ladies Guild in May, when he showed various items of Ukranian Craftwork, including decorated Easter Eggs, embroidery and woodwork. He was assisted by four talented children, Myroslav Diwnycz, Irka Irene Lema, Maria Leciw and Michael Leciw, who danced, made music and sang in voices which sounded even more lilting than their names. It makes one wonder what wealths of culture there must be in this country among those communities of people who are exiled from their homelands; and indeed, in the case of younger generations, have never even seen the country from which their parents came.

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LADIES GUILD

At the June meeting, 30 members of the Guild attended to hear Mrs. O. Parsons, who is a patient at "Honresfeld" Leonard Cheshire Home.

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LADIES SUNDAY

Thank you to all those ladies who took part in the special services for Ladies Sunday, when the preacher at both Services was Mrs. B. Evans of Park Congregational Church, Ramsbottom. A special thanks to Mrs. Starkie who played the organ and to Mrs. Scaddon who trained the choir.

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CHRISTIAN AID

Many thanks to those who helped with the house to house collection which amounted to over £50.

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LADIES GUILD ANNUAL RALLY

This years rally will be held on Tuesday 20th July when the speaker will be Sister Barnett of Champness Hall, Rochdale. The service will begin at 7.30 pm., and supper will be served at the close of the meeting at a price of 10p.

All ladies are coridally invited to attend.

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FAMILY CHURCH READINGS

June 6th	Phil.2: 3-11	Learning to serve
13th	Acts 17: 22-34	Sharing the good news
20th	Rom. 2: 9-21	Caring for each other
27th	2 Tim.1: 8-14	An old Christian speaks

July Theme: "The Bible"

4th	Luke 4: 1-13	The Bible in temptation
11th	Luke 24: 13-27	The Bible makes us think
18th	Heb.11: 8-10, 23-27, 32-40	The Bible stirs our faith
25th	2Tim.3: 10-17	The Bible trains us for liv

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COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

June 6th	Mrs. B. Webber	July 4th	Mrs. L.Rawling
	(Mrs. E. Beattie	11th	Mrs. A. Tither
13th	(Mrs. D. Law	18th	Mrs. P. Chadwick
	(Mrs.C.Wilkinson		Counc. E. Wood
20th	Mrs. B. Metcalfe	25th	Miss A. Clegg
27th	Holidays		Mrs. C. Armstron
		Aug. 1st	Mrs. N. Settle
			Mrs. J. Harrison

CHURCH DUTIES - MILNROW

SIDESMEN FOR MORNING WORSHIP

June 6th	Mr. L. Whittaker	Mrs. F. Rae
13th	Mr. A. Bruckshaw	Mr. H. Mellor
20th) 27th)	To be announced	
July 4th	Mrs. L. Rawling	Mrs. F. Butterworth
11th	Mr. G. Buckley	Mr. A. Rae
18th	Mr. E. Braund	Mr. P. Whitehead
25th	Mr. D. Fursey	Mr. R. Gillon
Aug. 1st	Counc. I. Royle	Counc. J.Harrison

DEACONS ROTA

EVENING DOOR STEWARDS

June 6th	Mrs. A. Scaddon
	Mr. B. Clough
13th	Mr. K. Hey
	Mrs. A. Scaddon
20th) 27th)	NO EVENING SERVICE
July 4th	Mr. G. Whitworth
	Miss M. Wood
11th	Mrs. A. Whitworth
	Mrs. N. Settle
18th	Mr. J. Emmott
	Mr. H. Whitehead
25th	Mr. B. Clough
	Mrs. E. Gillon
Aug. 1st	Mrs. A. Wilson
	Mr. G. Whitworth

PIANIST -EVENING WORSHIP

June 6th	Mrs.E. Starkie
13th	Mr. J. Emmott
20th) 27th)	No evening service
July 4th	Mrs.E. Starkie
11th	Mrs. C. Hey
18th	Mrs.E. Starkie
25th	Mr. J. Emmott
Aug. 1st	Mrs.E. Starkie

FAMILY CHURCH COFFEE ROTA

June 6th	Miss M. Wood	Miss A. Clegg
13th	Mrs. J. Duffy	Mrs. F. Butterworth
20th) 27th)	To be arranged	
July 4th	Mrs. W. Prince	Mrs. W. Holland
11th	Mrs. A. Wood	Mrs. Collins
18th	Mrs. C. Hey	Mrs. D. Hey
25th	Mrs. H. Whitehead	Mrs. Greenhalgh
Aug. 1st	Mrs. J. Cudworth	Mrs. N. Roberts

ST. STEPHEN'S DIARY

June			
Tues.	1st	7.30 pm.	Ladies Guild - Mrs.O. Parsons
Wed.	2nd	7.30 pm.	Deacons Meeting
Sun.	6th	11.00 am.	Revd. G. Jenkins
		6.00 pm.	" (Communion)
Fri.	11th	8.00 pm.	District Youth Comm. at Bamford
Sat.	12th	3.30 pm.	Annual Day - The Congregational College, Manchester.
Sun.	13th	11.00 am.	Mr. A. Roberts
		6.00 pm.	Mr. J.M. Farraday J.P.
Sun.	20th	11.00 am.	Mrs. E. Gillon
			NO EVENING SERVICE
Sun.	27th	11.00 am.	Mr. A. Roberts
			NO EVENING SERVICE
July			
Sun.	4th	11.00 am.	Revd. G. Jenkins
		6.00 pm.	" (Communion)
Sat.	10th	3.00 pm.	Garden Party - 27 Harbour Lane
Sun.	11th	11.00 am.	Lay Preacher
		6.00 pm.	"
Tues.	13th	7.30 pm.	Deacons Meeting
Wed.	14th	8.00 pm.	Visit to S. Mtr. Hebrew Synagogue - Wilbraham Road.
Tues. - Thurs.			Minister's Summer School
Fri.	16th	7.30 pm.	Finance Committee
Sun.	18th	11.00 am.	Revd. G. Jenkins
		6.00 pm.	"
Tues.	20th	7.30 pm.	Women's Guild Rally Speaker: Sister B. Barnett
Sun.	25th	11.00 am.	Lay Preacher
		6.00 pm.	Revd. G. Jenkins
Mon.	26th	7.30 pm.	Junior Church Staff Meeting
Wed.	28th	8.00 pm.	Church Meeting
August			
Sun.	1st	11.00 am.	& 6.0 pm. Revd. G. Jenkins
Tues.	3rd	7.30 pm.	Women's Guild - Mrs. E. Gillon

DEACONS COMMUNION ROTA

June	6th	Mrs. A. Scaddon	Miss M. Wood
July	4th	Mrs. N. Settle	Mrs. A. Whitworth
	18th	Mr. H. Whitehead	Mr. B. Clough (am.)
Aug.	1st	Mrs. E. Gillon	Mr. G. Whitworth

June

Sun.	6th	10.30 am.	Mr. A. Cooper (Castleton)
Sun.	13th	10.30 am.	Young People's Sunday -Pilots
		6.00 pm.	Revd. G. Jenkins (Communion)
Sun.	20th)		
Sun.	27th)	Church Closed - HOLIDAYS	

July

Sun.	4th	10.30 am.	Lay Preacher
Sun.	11th	10.30 am.	Revd. G. Jenkins (Reception of C.C.W.M. Boxes)
		6.00 pm.	" (Communion)
Wed.	14th	7.15 pm.	Visit to Synagogue
Thur.	15th	6.00 pm.	Pilots
Sun.	18th	10.30 am.	Lay Preacher
Sat.	24th	1.20 pm.	Family Outing (Todmorden Park)
Sun.	25th	10.30 am.	Revd.G. Jenkins (Family Comm.)
Tues.	27th	7.45 pm.	Church Meeting
Sat.	30th	7.45 pm.	C.C.W.M. Swim (Castleton Baths)

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Sun.	1st	10.30 am.	Lay Preacher

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

June	6th	Mrs. Stott
	13th	Mrs. Reed
July	4th	Mrs. F. Simpson
	11th	Mrs. J.A. Leach
	18th	Mrs. Stott
	25th	Mrs. Beattie
Aug.	1st	Mrs. Marvelly

OFFERTORIES

April			Cash	Envelopes	Total
18th	Junior Church	am.	1.64½	6.85½	8.50
		pm.	9.94½	7.08½	17.03
25th	Anniversary	pm.	24.80	2.22½	27.02½
May					
2nd			1.74	7.26	9.00
9th			3.54	5.45½	8.99½
16th			2.05½	6.03½	8.09

CHURCH DUTIES - LITTLEBOROUGH

SIDESMEN

June 6th	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Hill	
13th	Mr. Ingham	Mr. Barker	10.30 am.
	Mr. E. Holt	Mr. F. Simpson	6.00 pm.
July 4th	Mr. Beattie	Mr. Brown	
11th	Mr. H. Hill	Mr. Booth	10.30 am.
	Mr. E. Holt	Mr. F. Simpson	6.00 pm.
18th	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Barker	
25th	Mr. Brown	Mr. Ingham	
Aug. 1st	Mr. Booth	Mr. Beattie	

DEACON'S COMMUNION ROTA

6.00 pm.	June 13th	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Simpson
6.00 pm.	July 11th	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Beattie
10.30 am.	" 25th	Mrs. Beattie	Mr. Barker

COFFEE ROTA

June 6th	B. Hartley	S. Moss
13th	J. Law	K. Hill
July 4th	J. Hobbs	J. Horridge
11th	D. Mallinson	A. Merrick
18th	A. Tomlinson	H. Vincent
25th	J. Simpson	E. Booth
Aug. 1st	B. Griffiths	P. Lightfoot
8th	B. Hartley	S. Moss

FAMILY CHURCH READINGS

June 6th	"Learning to Serve" Phil.2: v1 - 11	Esther Bennett
13th	"Sharing the Good News" Acts 17: v22 - 31	Mrs. Lightfoot
July 4th	"The Bible in Temptation" Luke 4: v1 - 13	Steven Moss
11th	"The Bible makes us think" Luke 24: v13 - 27	Mrs. K. Hill
18th	"The Bible Stirs Our Faith" Hebrews 11: v8 - 10; 23 -27; 32-40.	Mr. Simpson
25th	"The Bible Trains us for Living" 2 Timothy 3: v10 - 17.	Elizabeth Leach
Aug. 1st	"Eyes and No Eyes" Matt.11: v1 - 10	Mrs. C. Hill

LIVELY CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

The Junior Church Anniversary was held on the 25th April when the preacher at both services was our Minister, Rev. G. Jenkins.

At the morning service the Junior Church presented a pageant, specially written by Mr. Jenkins, entitled "All Aboard." The story was based on a day in the life of the people of the Ellice Islands where the missionary ship, "John Williams VII", makes her routine visits. The singing of anthems and hymns by the choir, Junior choir and the children of the Primary Department all contributed to make the birthday of our church a vocal, hearty and happy one.

Our thanks go to a lot of people: Mr. L.W. Greaves, our organist; Mr. W.H. Hill who "built" our ship "John Williams VII" which was seen by thousands of Rochdale Observer readers; Mr. Hamnett who transported and fitted the amplifiers; Our Minister; The Choirs; Junior Church children and staff; To all who came and shared in our joy.

It is a splendid thing that so many people could take an active part in our worship.

Collections for the day totalled £44

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ARE YOU 'GOYIM' THEN ?

A visit has been arranged to South Manchester Hebrew Congregation at Wilbraham Road, Manchester. If you would like to go on this visit, which has been arranged for Wednesday 14th July starting at 7.15, please give your name to the church secretary as soon as possible.

FAMILY CHURCH OUTING - Saturday 24th July
Weather permitting!
Meet at Littleborough Station at 1.20 p.m.
ready for rail departure at 1.40 p.m.
In event of bad weather the date will be changed to Saturday 31st July.
Everybody welcome! Bring own sandwiches.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUNDAY - 13th June 1971

The morning service will be conducted entirely by members of "Pilots". The address will be given by Mr. W. Griffiths.
The evening service will be conducted by our minister. There will be special music at both services by the Young People's Choir.

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PILOTLESS SUMMER

After the 17th June meeting the Pilots will not meet again until Thursday 16th September, but certain events may be arranged for July and August.

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NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME

The "few" collected £30.50 in the recent house to house collection..... Many thanks!

C.C.W.M. ACTIVITIES

ITS THE "CCWM SWM" (Littleborough)

So far there are 15 entrants for the sponsored swim, but more are required. Remember that even if you can only swim one length you can get perhaps 10 people to sponsor you at 2p per length, and thus raise four bob. So sign the list in the school-room before the pool is full.

As encouragement, there are a number of "curious" entrants, to wit (too wet?)

a) A Parson in clerical trunks held up by ecclesi-elastic.
b) A Church Secretary wearing a Brumy Cossy
c) A Church Treasurer swimming in the red.

This is too good to miss.

CASTLETON BATHS - 30th July - 7.45 pm.

Milnrow contestants will be admitted, but an announcement will be made about this after the June Holidays.

"GARDENING PARTY" (Milnrow)

After an uncertain start, the weather turned out to be ideal for the Garden Party in Ladyhouse Close on Saturday 29th May.

The children obviously enjoyed the "pop party" at No. 24 busily occupying themselves eating, drinking, playing with toys (and the tortoise) and "helping" with the gardening. Meanwhile, the adults were able to enjoy a restful and sumptuous tea at No. 6. The whole event, which included a Bring & Buy stall raised £8.34 towards our annual C.C.W.M. target.

Thanks for your support and acknowledgements to Master Jenkins for the title of this article.

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INDIA

Mahatma Ghandi said, "If God were to appear in India he would have to take the form of a loaf of bread." Even at the present level of population the country is short of food.

Every 5 years the increase in population is greater than the entire population of the U.K.

During the next 20 years ther will be 230m more people in the country. Self sufficiency in food is becoming a condition of survival.

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A Report from the Pacific

There is a fundamental criticism of missionary work which it is difficult to answer: The introduction of the Christian gospel helps to destroy the ancient tribal values and thus brings about a collapse in the social fabric which leaves the native peoples ripe for economic exploitation. This has been seen in Africa where Bibles and whiskey were carried along the same trade route. A report of a similar kind of situation comes from the Pacific:-

"Tourism has hit the Pacific in a big way, and luxury hotels, which are a complete contrast to ordinary living conditions, are mushrooming everywhere. There are 3,000 hotels on the main island of Fiji alone.

"The sexual mores of some visitors are an eye-opener to youths brought up in strict but happy homes. Wealthy diplomats pay unheard of rents for moderate sized apartments, and in doing so ruin the market for the middle lass islander.

"Our Pacific Theological College Students are naturally affected by this restlessness. Not only must they experience all these upsets themselves while still young and seeking a meaning in life, they must also discover guidelines to help their elders through the storm. We sent one man home to his coral atoll last year; he just couldn't take it all. But none of our students is unaffected by events. Pray for them. And remember that we Westerners teaching here have to keep on trying to adapt the course of study to meet the ever changing conditions our students face".

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If you ever have occasion to telephone Rochdale 31122 the call could be taken by a housewife, a secretary, a headmaster or a master butcher. Such an occasion could arise if the loneliness and stress of modern living drove you to despair, for all the people mentioned above are among the members of Rochdale Samaritans.

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Depression	19	Anxiety	7
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The Samaritans are not qualified social workers, although they do have some training. They do not attempt to do the work of other social work agencies and in this country they do not give material aid. They can perhaps best be seen as a sort of emotional "fire brigade" which moves in when a crisis occurs, but having damped the situation down, passes the salvage work over to those better equipped to deal with it.

They are financed by donations and Mrs. E. Gillon is the Treasurer. Littleborough Cong. Church and Milnrow UDC were among those who contributed in 1969.

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The Samaritans would like to thank Mrs. D. Emmott, Mrs. G. Whittaker, Mrs. E. Garside and Mrs. A. Wood for their help with the recent Thrift Shop venture which raised over £300. Thanks are also extented to Mr. K. Hey for his work as Auditor.

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